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Floating down the river

Just a day before the official start of summer, Ryan Prentice, left, Mac Moynes and Claire Karaguesian float down the Gull River in Minden with their inflatables. Several other groups of people were also seen floating down the river through town.
/DARREN LUM Staff

MH asks for donations of arena items

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills is turning

to the community, issuing a request for donations of "value-added" items to the township's arena project.

As previously reported, value-added items are those not included in the project's base budget. The initial budget for the project was

approximately \$12.5 million. That number was increased to \$12.75 million when the builders came to council requesting additional funding last winter. Under the project's integrated project delivery design, the

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Minden to be featured on CBC's Still Standing

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden will be featured on an episode of CBC documentary series *Still Standing*, which explores and celebrates small towns throughout Canada.

Minden Hills council held a special meeting via online conferencing platform Zoom on June 18 and heard a presentation from story producer Shayla Howell and executive producer Anne Francis.

"We'd very much like to come and film an episode of our show in Minden this summer," Howell told councillors, adding that was subject to everything being safe and legal with regard to precautions around the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

The show features actor/comedian Johnny Harris going into small communities, meeting residents, and seeing what makes those towns tick.

"The premise of the show is to celebrate

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Filming to take place mid-July

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small towns in Canada," Howell said, adding that while once most Canadians lived in rural communities, now the vast majority reside in urban centres. "If everyone has moved to the city, what's everyone doing in these small communities?"

In the case of Minden, Howell said it was news stories about severe flooding and the community's response to it that caught producers' attention. Minden Hills declared states of emergency due to severe flooding on the Gull River in 2013, 2017 and 2019, respectively.

"The other universally true item we have found, is that communities come together," Howell said.

There have been some 70 episodes of the show, with Wilberforce featured in a previous episode.

Howell said the show's staff work closely with community members and municipal representatives throughout the production process.

"We have written permission for every single frame you see in that show," she said. The plan is to film from July 15 through 21, with the episode airing about a year later. While normally an episode concludes with Harris doing a comedy set for community members about his experience in their town, because of the COVID-19 crisis, at this time, a live comedy show is not planned. However, Francis said the hope is to cycle back and do that comedy set at a later time if restrictions allow. Each episode of the show reaches roughly a million people, Howell said.

Councillors were quick and unanimous in approving the filming.



Minden will be featured on an episode of CBC's documentary series *Still Standing*. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

"I don't see any downside to this," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell. "... I very much look forward to this experience."

"I almost declared a conflict of interest because I love this

show," said Councillor Pam Sayne.

"What I can say is we're all terrifically excited to go forward with this," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

Sprinklers, window shades, furniture among items on list

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builder – Ottawa's McDonald Bros. Construction – was responsible for tendering sub-trades, and any savings that were found were to be accrued in a joint contingency fund referred to as the "profit pool," with those monies being split between the company and the township. The municipality would use any of its share to pay for some of these value-added items, which range from a projector and screen to office and lobby furniture to window shades to paving the remainder of the building's parking lot.

As the project nears completion, staff reports have indicated there will be no surplus on the project. The full list of value-added items totals an estimated \$430,000. With an Ontario Trillium Foundation it can use for some \$130,000 of those costs, it leaves about \$300,000 of items for the township to pay for, should council choose to include them in the project.

Councillors discussed the issue during a June 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting and were scheduled to decide during their June 25 meeting which items would be included. It was also suggested during that meeting that perhaps the township seek community assistance with some of the items, and on June 22, the township made a Facebook request for donations of those items. They include: a canopy for the rear entrance of the facility; a sprinkler system for the community centre and Scouts' hall portions of the facility; advertising frames; a ceiling-mounted projector and screen; paving of a portion of the parking lot; artistic murals and reproductions; lobby furniture including chairs and tables; office furniture and equipment; window shades; an exterior LED messaging centre.

"These items will enrich and provide additional value to this significant and extraordinary project," the message from the township read. "Council would like to extend this opportunity for enhancement to all individuals, residents, businesses, visitors, artists, and organizations wishing to be part

of this historic and exciting undertaking in Minden Hills."

Anyone interested in making any such donations is asked to contact deputy clerk Shannon Prentice at sprentice@mindenhill.ca.

The township continues to seek members for a fundraising committee for the project, and anyone interested in joining that committee can also contact Prentice.

During council's June 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting, there was also discussion about money for a canteen at the new arena. The project's budget does not include money for canteen equipment, and some members of council felt strongly that a canteen needed to be provided. There was some suggestion from staff that vending machines may be provided in place of a canteen.



Outdoor dining

Paramedics Trish Sweeting-Hogg, left, and Jocelyn Moynes eat their breakfast on outdoor picnic benches at Molly's Bistro Bakery on June 19, a few days after the province allowed restaurants to open patios to customers. The provincial government continues to announce reopening plans for various businesses following weeks of closures to limit the spread of the coronavirus. /DARREN LUM Staff



Guide rails in AH damaged again

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

For the second time in a year, Algonquin Highlands township will replace guide rails at the intersection of St. Peters Road and North Shore Road, after they were damaged by transport trucks. The rails had just been replaced in fall of last year.

During their June 18 meeting, which took place via online conferencing platform Zoom, councillors received a report from public works director Adam Thorn. "Over the winter season, one of the new sections of the replaced guide rail was damaged due to large trucks with trailers (transport trucks) trying to make the turn at this intersection and is now in need of replacement again," the report read.

The repair work will be sole-sourced to the same company that installed the rails in the fall, at a cost of approximately \$11,000 plus taxes.

"Basically, it will be a full replacement of the one side," Thorn told councillors.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said the issue was GPS systems will tell truck drivers to turn down St. Peters Road, even though transport trucks are too large to safely make the narrow passage.

"It is tremendously unfortunate and, as noted in [Thorn's] report, I can tell you it's the GPS," Moffatt said, adding she often sees trucks that are too large to be there trying to make that turn. "We had spoken a little bit about maybe some additional signage as well. Not that we want to add any more sign pollution to our countryside, but to encourage trucks to continue on to Airport Road."

Moffatt added ideally trucks should remain on the highway, and said the county's 511 system would allow the township to provide a notification.

"We will be able to put a caution on that system so that it will turn up for truckers so that they don't veer off the highway and wander down the side roads," she said.

Penny's Place goes online

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Penny's Place, the consignment shop dealing mostly in children's clothing that opened on Minden's main drag during the winter, no longer has a storefront along Bobcaygeon Road amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is still in business.

"We are no longer on our beautiful main street," owner Alexandra Harrison told the *Times* in an email. "We have made the hard decision to move Penny's Place home. We are located on Deep Bay Road outside Minden, about a 10 minutes' drive. We plan on having a storefront here in coming months. When we feel it is safe to do so, we will open to the public."

In the meantime, customers can check on pennys.place.minden on Facebook, or @pennysplace on Instagram, and Harrison is doing doorstep drop-offs of clothing.

"I understand the inconvenience," Harrison wrote. "As a mom of three I understand that I am taking the convenience of shopping local for affordable children's clothes away. Because of this, I am offering drop-offs right to your door. One day a week you can expect drop-offs to Minden, Haliburton and

surrounding areas. Busier weeks will be split into two delivery days. I hope that everyone is finding their new normal incorporating balance and peace."

Harrison can also be reached at 519-820-0552.



Alexandra Harrison, seen in this file photo with her daughter Penny, is moving her consignment children's clothing shop from its Bobcaygeon Road location to her home on Deep Bay Road. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



DISCLAIMER

The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of June 19, 2020.

While the Township of Minden Hills works diligently to provide the public with the most current information regarding service provisions and reductions during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of outbreak, information can, and may, change on a daily basis. The public is strongly encouraged to refer our website at www.mindenhills.ca for current and up-to-date information. Anyone unable to access the website can call 705-286-1260 or email admin@mindenhills.ca for assistance.

FIREWORKS SAFETY



With many municipalities cancelling Canada Day fireworks displays due to physical distancing measures resulting from COVID-19, the Minden Hills Fire Department would like to remind the public of the fire and burn hazards that can result from holding private or neighborhood fireworks displays at home.

In Ontario between 2009 and 2018, there was an average of approximately 20 fires per year caused by fireworks, resulting in an average of approximately \$640,000 in property loss per year;

If you still choose to have a family fireworks or an informal neighborhood display, contact your local fire department about regulations regarding fireworks.

Here are some important safety tips to be followed:

- Appoint a responsible person to be in charge. Only adults who are aware of the hazards and essential safety precautions should handle and discharge fireworks.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks packaging.
- Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.
- Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass.
- Keep onlookers a safe distance away, upwind from the area where fireworks are discharged.
- Light only one firework at a time and only when they are on the ground. Never try to light a firework in your hand or re-light dud fireworks.
- For dud fireworks, it is best to wait 30 minutes and soak them in a bucket of water. Dispose of them in a metal container.
- Discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard, 30 km or less
- Keep sparklers away from children. Sparklers burn extremely hot (sparklers burn at 649°C (1200°F)), hot enough to cause serious burns and can ignite clothing, cause blindness and result in severe burns. As the sparkler wire remains hot for some minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes and seek medical attention, if necessary.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 25 - Regular Council Meeting
July 30 - Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

SG NESBITT RENEWAL PROJECT

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking monetary donations or donations of time, skills or efforts in the completion or purchase of the following items related to the SG Nesbitt Renewal Project.

These items will enrich and provide additional value to this significant and extraordinary project. Council would like to extend this opportunity for enhancement to all individuals, residents, businesses, visitors, artists, and organizations wishing to be part of this historic and exciting undertaking in Minden Hills.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation; or in completing or purchasing any of these items, please contact Shannon Prentice, Deputy Clerk at sprentice@mindenhills.ca for further details, including the availability of donation receipts.

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- Projector Screen & Projector (Ceiling Mounted)
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- Artistic Murals & Reproductions
- Lobby Furniture (Chairs, Tables, etc.)
- Office Furniture & Equipment
- Window Shades
- Exterior LED Message Centre

TOWNSHIP SERVICE PROVISION REDUCTIONS

A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice. Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts or admin@mindenhills.ca.

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call.

The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible.

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:

Telephone: 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts

Email: admin@mindenhills.ca

Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries through the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

For information on COVID-19 please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>. For information on creating your Social Circle please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/create-social-circle-during-covid-19>. To report instances of non-compliance you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or online by visiting opp.ca/reporting

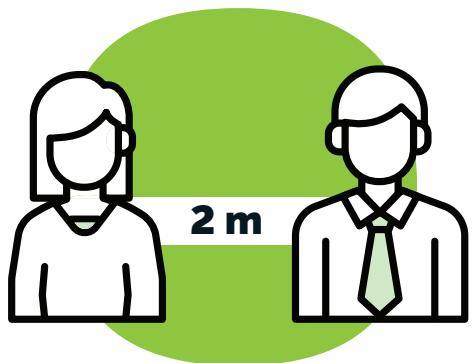
For a complete list of all Township service provision reductions, please go to: www.mindenhills.ca/covid-19-information/

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Township continues to seek individuals interested in being a member of the SG Nesbitt Renewal Project Fundraising Committee. For further information regarding this committee, including terms of reference and application process, please contact Shannon Prentice, Deputy Clerk at sprentice@mindenhills.ca

We're Making a Difference to Keep Each Other Safe from COVID-19

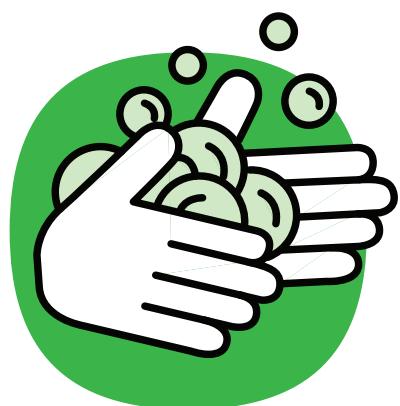
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is a challenge



Wash hands
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often

Inside or out, stay safe. Save lives.

Public will be able to call into meetings

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

During their June 18 meeting, Algonquin Highlands council discussed how residents might be able to partake in public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While they were initially suspended following a declaration of emergency by the provincial government, council meetings within Haliburton County have resumed within the past couple of months. The province passed special legislation allowing municipal councils to meet remotely using electronic means, something that is normally prohibited under the Municipal Act. Council meetings have been taking place via online conferencing platform Zoom and broadcast to the public on YouTube.

Public meetings are those where members of the public are able to make comment, and are most commonly held for legislated, planning matters.

"Staff were initially concerned with proceeding with virtual public meetings for a variety of reasons including conducting site visits by staff and committee members, internet accessibility and general transparency of conducting a public meeting virtually," read a report from Algonquin Highlands planner Sean O'Callaghan. "... after discussions with staff of the other townships in the county all are working towards holding

virtual public meetings. Given the loosening restrictions with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff are comfortable at this time to recommend moving forward with virtual public meetings with proper safety precautions in place."

There was some discussion about members of the public possibly partaking in meetings via Zoom, however Mayor Carol Moffatt noted that may be problematic for residents who are less computer-savvy, and also that the township has unreliable internet connectivity.

"There is the option that they could phone in, or alternatively, some municipalities have set up a computer for members of the public to use, so we could look at that option as well," O'Callaghan said.

"I will confess I have serious concerns about our ability to provide an adequate process for public consultation in a duly constituted public process, with the challenges we have with internet and access and the generalized IT knowledge of some members of the community," Moffatt said. Thursday's Algonquin Highlands meeting was fraught with internet connectivity problems resulting in councillors and staff members becoming frozen on screen at various points in time.

It was ultimately agreed that members of the public would be given the option of phoning into public meetings.

O'Callaghan also recommended that residents interested in a particular issue submit comments in writing to the township.



Members of Minden Hills council and MPP Laurie Scott, middle, stand on the Sedgwick Bridge in this file photo submitted by Scott's office. Federal funding approval was recently announced, which means the bridge can be replaced.

Bridge replacements ready to begin

by JENN WATT
Editor

Funding from the federal government has come through, allowing work to move forward on the South Wilberforce Bridge in Highlands East and Sedgwick Bridge in Minden Hills.

On June 19, local MPP Laurie Scott announced that the projects, which had been nominated by the provincial government for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program were approved. Through the program, the three levels of government – municipal, provincial and federal – each provide one-third of the funding needed for the projects.

The total eligible cost for the South

Wilberforce Bridge was just more than \$1.4 million. The cost for the Sedgwick Bridge is just more than \$1.1 million.

"These projects are a total investment of over \$2.5 million from all three levels of government," Scott said in a statement. "My municipal partners and I are thrilled to move forward in this process, getting shovels in the ground to quickly deliver these important local infrastructure projects to the people of our community."

She pointed out that the funding would help stimulate the riding's economy, creating jobs to help recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local MP Jamie Schmale said he would continue to work with all levels of government to encourage future investments in the community.



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Thanks and congrats

BC SERIES *Still Standing* “features rural towns across Canada that have survived despite a setback,” focusing on how, regardless of what has come their way, residents have been resilient, and adapted to evolve even when the odds seemed stacked against them.

It's fitting then that the story of the show's newly announced focus on Minden is running in this paper alongside the photos of Archie Stouffer Elementary School's graduating class of 2020.

This year was challenging enough for the ASES community, which, alongside schools across the province, faced uncertainty during several day-long complete shutdowns of the public education system because of job action regarding cuts to education.

And then, March Break wasn't what it has ever been before, followed by what was expected to be two weeks of a provincial shutdown becoming an unprecedented school closure due to what Grade 8 valedictorian Mim Buwalda referred to in her speech to the graduating class as, “the pandemic of the century.”

But these students have been learning to roar as Wildcats since some were just four years old, and that's what they did. Switching to online classes wasn't always easy for some, facing a future more unknown than most generations before them, not being able to see their friends, but they carried on, showing up at the ASES Stage Walk last week to proudly accept a diploma they had so earned.

This is what they have learned in part from the school's Leader in Me focus they have been a part of, learning leadership skills to work effectively in all aspects of life, and also what they learned from their own teachers and the school staff during a time of pandemic, who pivoted to ensure the students did not get left behind in the throes of closures and cancellations.

Mme Mardus sang songs that fellow staff and students joined in on for videos to keep spirits up, and also led

ukulele club online. Mr. Buchanan brought students, staff, and the greater community together while apart with regular daily announcements, read by students, to bring some routine to days at home. The school's parent council team put together a sort of swag bag, which included books, art and school supplies, and toys to bring smiles to those who collected them through curbside pickup. The kindergarten team welcomed newcomers despite distance and the grad team celebrated in unique ways, recognizing the achievements of students who had worked hard for success. Mr. Gervais coordinated fun bingo games. Mrs. Allore and the EA team reached out to families and students, making sure connection – even more important

at this time – was not lost. All staff, said Mrs. Austin, stretched their abilities with and comfort with technology. They introduced cartoon versions of themselves to students, organized video meets so kids could check in with their teachers and friends and made it all work though they themselves were missing their classrooms,

their colleagues and their students. You've seen in the work submitted to teachers and then to these pages over the past few months how staff and students worked together to learn and grow.

Tears flowed at the ASES Stage Walk, and at the online graduation ceremony that happened this week, just as any other year. Wherever students were as the pre-recorded event was broadcast – at home enjoying celebratory takeout with their families, clapping for their friends while watching the ceremony from their patios, cozied up with the family that has supported them throughout it all – they did it. They graduated into their future: still standing, moving forward proudly, and roaring like Wildcats.

Congratulations to graduates and thank you to everyone who supported them along the way. Now, enjoy – one thing that hasn't changed – school's out for summer!



SUE TIFFIN
Reporter

Kwarky



“Talk, dammit! Or it's 24 hours of Paw Patrol.”

Gather round, people

THIS MORNING my daughter sent me a text message showing me half a jug of what appeared to be iced tea. The image was accompanied by the question “Guess what this is?”

My immediate thought was “Oh no.”

That, by the way, should be the response hardwired into any human whose family tree made it this far. For nothing good ever comes of a situation in which someone shows you a food or drink and then asks you to guess what it is.

My actual answer to her was “I don't know.”

“It's sumac tea,” she replied.

“How was it?” I asked suspiciously.

“It tastes like very weak iced tea. But we got it to taste lemony by adding a few lemons to the mix.”

So, basically, she ruined perfectly good lemonade.

That, in a nutshell, proves my theory regarding most foraged foods. Essentially, they need to be smothered in other foods you buy at the supermarket to make them taste almost as good as food you can buy at the supermarket.

I'm not suggesting these survival foods won't keep you alive in the event of a zombie apocalypse, I'm just saying they are not the kind of food you would select off a menu in any restaurant – or even truck stop.

Also in a zombie apocalypse, why not just raid all those empty supermarkets for the canned and dry goods? And, honestly, does store bought beef jerky ever go bad?

If you need a more common example that summarizes the futility of gathering, look no further than the bulrush tuber. It is listed in almost every survival book imaginable as edible, but that's probably because the au-

thors never thought anyone would be crazy enough to wade into a mosquito infested wetland to pull them out of the muck.

I know a guy who did, however. He won't be doing that again soon unless other more palatable foods, like boot tread dirt, become scarce. Tubers apparently wouldn't even taste good wrapped in bacon.

Which leads me to my last point regarding the fine art of gathering food. That being, it's very much like ice fishing at the beginning of the season – in that, it is best to let someone else try it first. This is especially true when it comes to mushrooms.

Don't worry; it applies to every other wild gathered food too. For instance, though I have never tried sumac tea or bulrush tubers, I now know because of my daughter's research that if I try the former, I will substitute a good iced tea mix for the sumac berries. And because of the guy I know who pioneered the bulrush effort, should I be desperate enough to try their tubers, I'll just wait chest deep in the swamp for a duck to come along instead.

Look, I am not saying there will never be a time when foraging skills come in handy. But, if they do, it's probably safest to collect wild foods you can easily recognize from your extensive forays in the supermarket, just like your father and his father before him. Apples, pears, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and strawberries immediately come to mind. So too does rhubarb, wild asparagus and any mushroom that didn't make you sick or kill you last year.

All this is to say, I'm perfectly fine doing my foraging at the grocery stores – like our ancient foraging ancestors would have done, had only they been given the chance.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Looking to nature for safer roads

THE DRAGONFLY is seen in many parts of the world as a symbol of adaptability and transformation. I see the dragonfly differently as I sit on my waterfront deck and watch squadrons of them zip, zoom and soar, capturing dozens of mosquitos, midges and other little irritating bugs.

I see the dragonfly as control. Control to achieve balance.

Dragonflies are a superb control for mosquitos, which are an annoyance at the least, and a deadly force at most. The world needs mosquitos, but not an overabundance of them, and dragonflies help to make sure that there is not.

On the wing, an adult dragonfly is believed to eat 100 or more mosquitos every day. As larva, they kill even more in the water where mosquitos breed.

That's the wonder of nature, providing effective control and balance in an effort to avoid catastrophe.

And, that's something that human society has difficulty with. We just can't seem to exercise the balance and control needed to keep us all safe and happy.

There was yet another heart-tearing example of this last week in Brampton.

Teacher Karolina Ciasullo, 37, and daughters Klara, 6; Lilianna, 4; and Mila, 1; were killed when a sports car smashed into their van in a Brampton-area intersection. The sports car driver, a 20-year-old man, was in hospital in serious condition.

Peel police have held back details of the tragedy, possibly because a police chase might have been involved.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown has said the sports car operator was a known reckless driver whose driving licence was under suspension. He distributed a video of the same car, and allegedly the same driver, driving dangerously a couple of days earlier.

The Brampton tragedy brings to mind the reckless driving killings of three other young children and their grandfather north of Toronto in 2015. Marco Muzzo was drunk and speeding when his vehicle slammed into a van, killing Gary Neville, 65, and his three grandchildren Daniel Neville-Lake, 9; Harrison, 5; and Milly, 2.

Muzzo was sentenced to 10 years in prison, and now is out on day parole.

It also brings to mind the pedestrians killed by cars every week, it seems, in Toronto. And, it brings to mind the speeding and dangerous driving many of us see daily on Ontario roads.

If you listen to various Ontario government authorities, Ontario has some of the world's safest roads. Try telling that to what's left of the families decimated by reckless drivers.

And, although the number of traffic fatalities in relation to numbers of drivers might be falling, the number of actual deaths is increasing, evidence of more forceful collisions, probably from speed.

Evidence of speeding, racing and reckless driving is before the eyes of anyone who travels the roads.

On Highway 11 between Barrie and Huntsville almost no vehicles, transport trucks included, follow the posted speed limits.

Transports are among the worst offenders. Ontario Provincial Police statistics show 7,674 collisions involving transport trucks in 2018, a four-year high. Fifty-five people were killed in those collisions, another 1,142 injured.

Rubber tire marks from racing starts, wheelies and other antics are a familiar sight on many rural roads.

It's not that police forces are ignoring the situation. The OPP laid just under 7,000 speeding charges during the May holiday weekend.

Citizens need to start shouting into government ears about the need for a more intense police crackdown on our streets and highways.

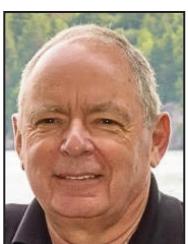
Whether you believe or disbelieve all the news releases about Ontario having the safest roads, they need to be better, and can be better. Beautiful young families should not be dying because of speeders and reckless drivers.

Despite all the dragonfly effort at control, mosquito populations continue to exist. Traffic accidents will continue no matter how hard we try to control them.

But tragedies like the one in Brampton last week are no accidents. They are the direct result of irresponsible actions by drivers unwilling to control themselves.

Our governments, pushed by its citizens, need a bigger and better effort to stop this senseless type of road carnage. If it means more traffic police funding, so be it.

Take a lesson from nature: It's all about creating a better, safer world through control and balance.



JIM POLING SR.

From *Shaman's Rock*

letters to the editor

Leave raccoons alone

To the Editor,

Re: "Raccoons with orange tails," Minden Times, June 17

Maybe it's Mr. Poling who should be given a bedtime snack and a nice place to sleep. In the morning a cheerful human could drive him to the GTA and leave him there.

Most people I know live in this county because they love the beauty and quiet. A less stressful way of life. The wildlife calls this county home too. They do what they need to do to survive. Their grocery store is the land they rightfully live on.

You can't seriously expect a raccoon to know

the food in the bird feeders is not for them. I also doubt painting their tails can be a harmless outcome.

Mr. Poling obviously has done some research or has an acquired knowledge of raccoons. I wonder if he discovered that for the past month or so that the mother raccoons have been teaching their young how to forage for themselves. Did he remember to relocate the little ones too?

If you don't want raccoons I suggest you stop feeding them.

Try living in harmony. This is their home too.

**N.A. Meisenheimer
Ingoldsby**

Restoring the squat

FOR THE LAST 25 days I have been getting into and holding a squat position for one minute. I can understand if some of you are asking why I would want to do something like that. I do like challenges. I look at them as experiments. At first, it was an uncomfortable minute. Now it is much better. In fact, I'm gaining significant benefits. The hip pain I was experiencing is gone and the other day I was taking photos and instead of kneeling down I could hold the squat position to get the shot.

After years of sitting in chairs, cars, and on a bicycle my lower body is incredibly tight. I have to confess here that I never liked stretching routines so I avoided them until I had a problem. All of that sitting cemented my body into that "sitting" position. Over the last year I've been working on increasing my range of motion to reduce the lower back, hip and knee pain I was experiencing. My squat had improved but I have made more progress in the past three weeks than I have in months. One minute a day is all it took.

The first challenge was to remember to do the squat. I had to find an anchor, something else I did every day that I could tack the minute of squatting on to. I discovered it takes a minute for my computer to boot up. Now, I push the on button, and get into



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

the squat.

The second thing I tried was celebrating that I did the squat (heard about this tactic in a podcast). This sounds a little out there, but saying "yes" or "right on" when I finished left me with a good feeling and it didn't leave room for me to be judgmental.

To add more positive reinforcement I write the accomplishment on a calendar that's hanging on my wall. Every day I look at how many I've done and that adds to my motivation.

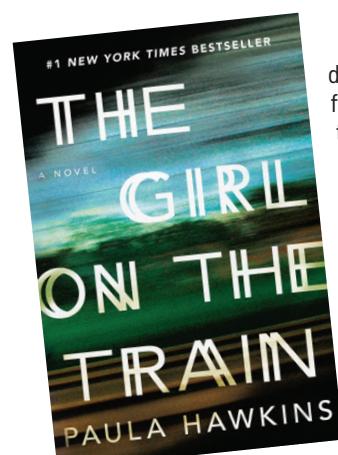
The goal is to do the one minute squat for 30 days but they are part of my routine now and I'm feeling great so there's no way I'm stopping. Being an enthusiastic person, I am now encouraging everyone to try this. Some clients are starting with 15 seconds and building up as they get stronger. Some are holding onto a railing or something to keep from falling backward.

Our hips are such an important and greatly overlooked part of our bodies. Squatting brings them back to life. This really is like a miracle cure for some of the pain that sitting has caused.

Something to think about.

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Authors to Actors - June



The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

Emotionally, Rachel is a little bit lost. The best part of her day is watching the young couple whose home she passes from her commuter train. Jess and Jason, she's named them. They're beautiful. They're perfect. They're happy. Just like she used to be.

But one day, she sees something that shocks her. It's only brief, barely a glimpse as the train passes by, but it changes everything. Unable to keep her discovery to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But she doesn't know these people. Not really. Is she as reliable a witness as she believes?

Brought to life on the screen by director Tate Taylor, starring an emotionally gripping Emily Blunt, this dramatic thriller will have you clinging to the edge of your seat. Both iterations show just how unnerving witnessing something strange can be. Check them out today from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Isaac Little named Male Athlete of the Year

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Isaac Little, this year's Male Athlete of the Year for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is an inspiring force for teammates and coaches, appreciated for his athletic prowess, and the way he carried himself off and on the track, trail or ice.

Coach Karen Gervais introduced him as a "self motivator, a leader, and inspiration to others."

"He demonstrates his Red Hawk pride with his sportsman-like attitude and by giving back to the sporting community. He has unyielding determination, incredible stamina and takes challenges head on and despite being made of grit this Blairhampton boy stays true to himself, his dreams and his own individuality," she said.

She said Little's success was tied to setting goals, which included an OFSAA berth in cross-country. His performance at the COSSA cross-country meet at Ganaraska Forest this past autumn was his best performance, she said. He not only earned a third place and a place at the all-provincials, but he did it with a gutsy finish, which enabled him to beat runners he had never beat before.

The Grade 12 student was an assistant captain with the Red Hawks hockey team, and also earned all-provincial trips in track and field. He holds school records in the junior boys 3,000 metres and in the steeple chase event.

Gervais outlined how to be a great athlete "Isaac style," which means setting goals; finding things that motivate; staying mentally tough; working hard and never quitting; recognizing you're only as good as the team behind you; listening to and respecting your coaches; showing sportsmanship and integrity; smiling, having a good attitude; challenging your limits; winning; staying true to yourself; doing it with style; and continuing to grow.

Appropriately, the runner learned about his award after he completed a workout and his stretching routine, following a four-kilometre run. He said it was just him and his dog in the living room.

"As soon as I saw Karen Gervais and heard her talk about running, I was pretty confident that she was talking about me, which was really exciting," he said. "I was smiling so big. I was grinning like a dog in the barnyard. I was a little shocked. I actually didn't think I was going to get it. Things happened. School was here. But I was ecstatic. I've worked ever since Grade 9. I wanted it and worked until finally I got it, which I'm ecstatic about."

He said when he graduated from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, he earned Male Athlete of Year honours. It motivated him to repeat the honour in Grade 12.

Little joins his cousins Erin and Jamie and his uncle Alex (their father) as athletes of the year. They are part of the Wall of Honour in the athletic facility.

"Every time I went in the gym hall I looked on that wall and



Isaac Little was very happy his four-year effort culminated in being named this year's Male Athlete of the Year award recipient. Little says a key to success is to find the motivation and to have fun doing what you're doing./DARREN LUM Staff

I decided I was going to be on that wall. I wanted to be there as much as anything. I feel like it's an honour to represent Haliburton that way and to be recognized by the coaches and my peers being top athlete is huge and it feels great," he said.

He is thankful to his coaches, Karen Gervais, Kyra Cockwell, Russ Duhaime, Jason Morissette, all his teammates and particularly his dad for his help in getting him to practices.

Unlike Female Athlete of the Year winner Emma Casey, who is graduating, he expects to return to school next year and is not going to study to be a paramedic at Loyalist College this autumn because of the online education he would have received.

His plan is to spend the year working hard on earning university level courses at the high school so he can be eligible to attend university. Last year, York University offered him a track and cross country scholarship. He wasn't able to accept it because he lacked university level high school courses.

Motivation, he said, is key to success.

"You just got to find a way to get yourself going and push yourself and that's all you really can do is give it your best," he said.

His advice to other athletes is to keep one thing in focus. "Make it fun. If it's not fun then don't do it," he said.

Red Hawks recognized for dedication and sportsmanship

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

There wasn't any audience applause. There weren't any tearful acceptance speeches. There wasn't any laughter from a crowd. What students do have is a lasting reminder of athletic excellence and commitment to sport through the Red Hawks Athletic Banquet held virtually this year.

The ceremony was completed over 16 days, starting on June 4, posted to the school's website for anyone to see.

During a year of labour disruptions and COVID-19 cancellations, the Red Hawks fielded 15 teams. One COSSA championship was won by the men's curling team, who were unable to compete at OFSAA due to COVID-19. Two Kawartha team titles were won by girls field hockey and boys curling, and one individual Kawartha title was won in cross-country. There were four OFSAA berths: two athletes from the wrestling team: Nic Graham and Eli Samson; and two from cross country teams: Isaac Little and Nick Phippen.

The junior boys volleyball team's most improved player is setter Matthew Wilson and the MVP is Jackson Wilson.

The wrestling team named its MVP Nic Graham, who earned an all-provincial berth, and the rookie of the year award went to Levi Samson.

The Kawartha championship winning field hockey team named its MVPs Haley Boylan and Melissa Brinkos, including the MIP award for Emma Miller, who was "red shirted" at the start of the year.

The junior boys basketball team's MVPs are back court players Colin Glecoff and Jackson Wilson, who led the team in scoring.

For the cross country team, which sent two runners to the all-provincials, their MVP is Isaac Little. Little was a Kawartha champ and third place finisher at COSSA, which earned him an all-provincial berth.

The junior girls volleyball team's MIP is Emma Miller and the coach's award was earned by setter Emmerson Wilson.

The varsity boys football team's offensive MVP is Cam Marra and the defensive MVP is Desi Davies.

The women's hockey team coach Courtney Cook thanked Dani Smolen of Smolen Dentistry for sponsorship. She recognized the team as a whole for their ability to improve and to find the joy in playing. The coach also acknowledged how the team went from scoring its first goal last season to beating Fenelon Falls Secondary School this season.

The senior boys volleyball MVP is graduating student Liam Little.

The boys curling team of Jacob Dobson, Owen Nicholls, Corin Gervais and Liam Little won a provincial title, taking the Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship title. With a Kawartha title and a repeat COSSA title, this team earned an all-provincials berth at OFSAA, but had their season ended due to COVID-19. The boys curling team's rookie of the year is Owen Nichol and the team's MVP is Dobson.

The girls rugby team included 27 members. Their MIP is Olivia Melle and MVP is graduating athlete Charlotte Paton.

The boys hockey team, which gave its time helping to stack wood and raise money for the Heat Bank Haliburton County, finished as a Kawartha championship finalist, losing a close one in overtime after being down by three goals to St. Mary's. Their offensive MVP is Braeden Robinson and its defensive MVP is Isaac Little.

The senior boys basketball team finished as COSSA semi-finalists and named their offensive MVP Joe Boice, their defensive MVP Brian Kim and their leadership MVP Camden Marra.

The senior girls volleyball team's MVP is Emma Casey, who was an inspiration to coaches and teammates on and off

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Emma Casey named Female Athlete of the Year

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Emma Casey couldn't hold back the tears when she learned she was named the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Female Athlete of the Year.

Casey learned the good news online from the virtual Red Hawks ceremony on Thursday morning with her family present.

"I started crying. I was so excited. It had been something that I'd been striving to get for so long. I was just so happy," she said.

The goal to be included among the collection of recipients, whose faces are displayed in framed photos along the top of the wall in the athletic wing of the school, was set when she started high school, she said.

"As soon as you walk into the high school there's just like so many ... all the pictures are up on the wall at the athletic complex. My uncle is actually one of the people," she said, referring to Andy Dawson. "It's just something I've always [wanted] for as long as I can remember."

Casey curled, played volleyball, field hockey and competed in the field events of track and field (discus and javelin). She played in the OFSAA volleyball championship, earned multiple trips to the East Regional OFSAA event in track, and competed in two COSSA finals with the field hockey team.

Her volleyball and field hockey coach Steve Smith started off the posted video saying, "I really wish I could personally give this award to this year's Female Athlete of the Year, but this virtual introduction will have to do."

He called her an "amazing, young athlete" and "a vocal leader."

Smith also said Casey never minced words.

"If you ask her a question you're going to get an honest and sometimes blunt answer. There's no sugar coating and that's what I love about her," he said.

Other coaches, Smith said, described Casey as a "pleasure to coach and she represents HHSS athletes with class." Another said, "Whatever the role she's asked to play she does it without complaining and with joy."

Her teacher and other volleyball coach Janice Scheffee said she appreciated Casey's humour and wit.

She also always put the team before her own desires and her level of drive matched the calibre of competition.

This was evident during the team's run in



Eighteen-year-old Emma Casey said she was moved to tears when she learned about being named this year's Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Female Athlete of the Year. The Grade 12 student competed in curling, volleyball, field hockey, badminton and track during her four years of school at HHSS. /DARREN LUM Staff

the COSSA championship tournament.

"It was pretty amazing to watch how one person can help. First of all, team chemistry and second of all, really rally a team to

put forth their best showing on the biggest stage," she said.

Scheffee remembers the numerous conversations she had with Casey about being able

Leadership, team development and commitment acknowledged

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the court.

The junior girls curling team of Holly Parish, Kayla Switzer, Harmony Moore and Jocelyn Chumbley finished third at the OSC regional event.

The senior team of Jessica Byers, Mackenzie Tidey, Savannah Byers and Hanna Lewis finished fourth at the OSC regionals.

The girls curling team's rookie of the year was earned by Kayla Switzer while the MVP was won by Holly Parish.

The HHSS Kit Pizzey intramural participation award was given to Brian Kim and Desi Davies.

The cumulative awards, which began in 1982 to recognize student involvement over the entire time at the school, are earned through earning points by competing on teams, competing on championship teams or individually, participating in intramurals and athletic council participation. Due to the shortened athletic season, point values were adjusted and will remain in place until a return to normal.

Minor award winners earned 15 points and five gold points. They are Alyssa Bogardis, Haley Boylan, Jessica Byers, Brendan Coumbs, Corin Gervais, Ethan Glecoff, Logan Heaven, Danaya MacDuff, Camden Marra, Tyler Martin, Alexius Mills, Teo O'Malley, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Crystal Petry, Carson Phillips, Nick Phippen, Braeden Robinson, Ava Smith, and Brooke Stover.

The major award winners are Rebecca Archibald, Melissa Brinkos, Emma Casey, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Brian Kim, Isaac Little, Zac Morissette, and Nigel Smith.

The Impact Award is earned by the teacher who goes above and beyond and is apt for this year's recipient, who is Derek Little.

Presenter Janice Scheffee said he has "spent hundreds of hours on the field teaching, mentoring and coaching his athletes. He has instilled the value of teamwork, discipline, commitment, and respect in all his players over 23 years coaching the Red Hawk football program at HHSS. He believes every athlete has a place on his team and he took pride in the relationships he formed with his athletes. Winning was nice, but

losing to a better team with grace and humility were equally important."

Past football coach and HHSS principal Gary Brohman said he knew him as a student, teacher and co-coach.

"The saying 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going.' Coach, that's you. That's your career. You never give up. You always put a positive foot forward," he said.

The Female Rising Red Hawk award winner is Ava Smith and the Male Rising Red Hawk award winner is Nick Phippen.

The first time Colin Hood OFSAA school sport winners are Rebecca Archibald and Liam Little.

They demonstrated participation and leadership in all of sport at HHSS.

On the last two days, the school's athletes of the year were announced.

They are Emma Casey and Isaac Little, who were chosen by the coaches for exhibiting character traits such as leadership qualities, coachability, a drive for team development, commitment to developing and athletic potential.



Archie Stouffer Elementary School Gr. 8 Graduates

Principal's Message

To the Archie Stouffer Graduating Class of 2020,

The theme of this year's special virtual graduation is Black and White. This theme, for some, may harken to a certitude, an absolute. We often hear the expression "it's here in black and white," to express a truth, a fact or a law. But how do black and white inform this important transition, for you who are graduating?

Graduation is an important milestone, a celebration of past achievements and the beginning of new adventures. The pathways that we may follow for this next part of our lives are varied and meandering, certainly not straight and unwavering, despite what the aforementioned expression might suggest.

Therefore, let's look at our theme through a different lens by exploring the creative and artistic qualities of the colours black and white.

In additive colour theory, black is the absence of all colour and white is the presence of all colours, while in subtractive colour theory, black is the presence of all colours and white is the absence of the same.

Purists may, therefore, present arguments to suggest neither black nor white is a colour but for this address, we will choose to describe them as such.

We also much acknowledge that black and white can easily be defined as opposites. Black absorbs all light. White reflects all light.

Now let's explore the symbolism of each of these colours. Adjectives often associated with the colour black include: strong, forceful, driven, comforting, calm and protective. The colour black is often associated with an ending or a conclusion, for example, the phrase "fade to black" is used to describe the end of a movie or TV show. In contrast, some of the adjectives associated with the colour white are fair, impartial, neutral, and independent. White is the colour of new beginnings.

So what does all of this mean to you as you graduate? Simply put, it is this. Emulate the colour black.

Be strong, set goals, be protective of others, and our world. Absorb the learning that is all around you at home, at school and in our community. Embrace the colour white. Be fair, be independent, and celebrate fresh starts and new chapters. Be a reflection of your truest self and your deepest values.

Remember that both black and white are described by theorists as being the sum of all colours.

Therefore, please choose to celebrate the myriad of unique colours that make up who you are as a person. Be a leader. Be kind. Be courageous. In the words of coach John Wooden, "Make each day your masterpiece."

Thank you.

Jane Austin,
Principal, ASES



Mildred (Mim) Buwalda, was pleasantly surprised by Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff who visited her at home, from a distance, to personally share the news that she would be representing ASES as the 2020 valedictorian. /Submitted photo



Riley Allore



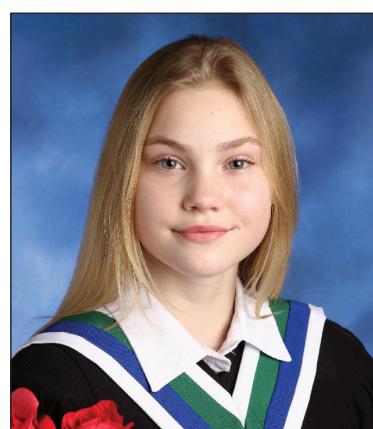
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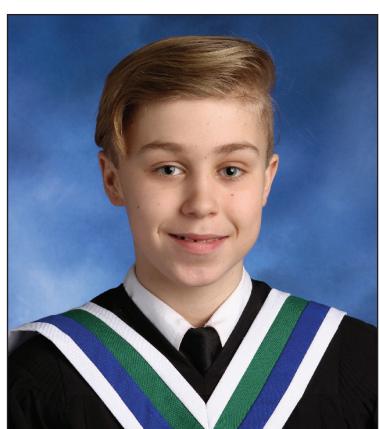
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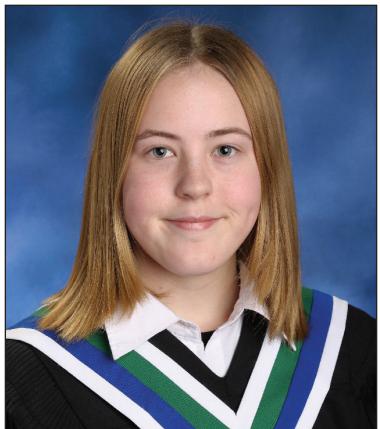
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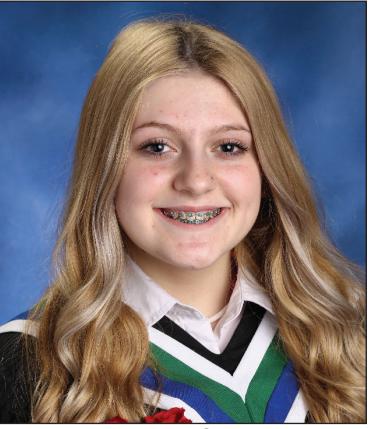
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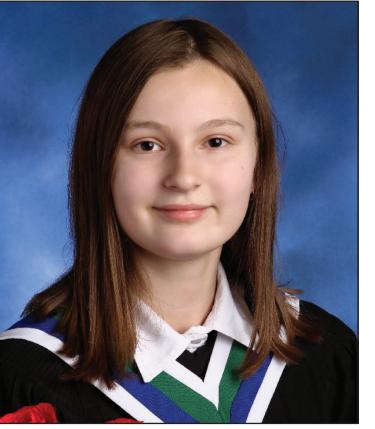
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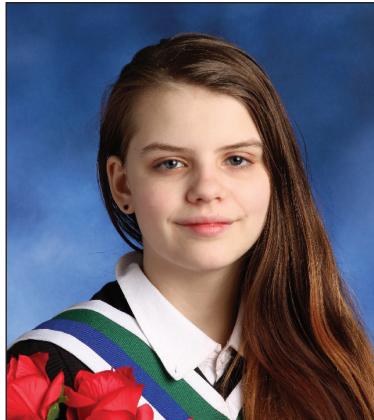
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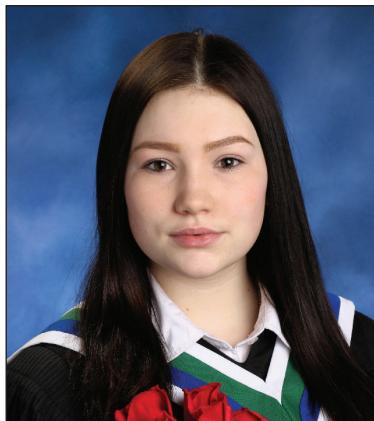
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Riley Allore

Riley's favourite memory of ASES was when he met his friends. Riley's older brothers inspire him. Riley's favourite quote is "Don't be a salad, be the best broccoli you can ever be." Riley's future goal is to become a successful video game developer.

Hayden Bettencourt

Hayden's favourite memory at ASES was all the friends they made throughout the years! The person Hayden looks up to most is Jack Avery, a singer in the band Why Don't We. "The way I see it is, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain" - Dolly Parton. One day, they would like to visit their favourite place on earth, Italy.

Austin Boylan

Austin's favourite memory at ASES was when Austin and the boys did a lip sync battle against the girls. Austin dressed up as Princess Elsa from *Frozen* and lip sang "Let it go" and of course they beat the girls. One quote Austin likes is "It's not about being the best, it's about being better than you were yesterday". Austin's future goal is to hopefully receive a scholarship to a university in Canada or the United States for baseball. Then he would like to make a professional

Damian Briand

Damian's favourite memory at ASES was playing foot hockey at recess with his friends. The person who inspires him the most is Mrs. Pilgrim. She was always so caring and tried her best to be there for you and cheer you up. His future goal is to be a conservation officer. He loves nature and thinks it would be a great job to do.

Mim Buwaldal

Mim's best memory from ASES was going to Canada's Wonderland with her friends. Her role model is her mom because she works hard to achieve her goals. Mim's favourite quote is "You can fail at what you don't want so you might as well take a chance on doing what you love" - Jim Carrey. Her future goals for high school are to have marks higher than 80 per cent and try out for all her favourite sport teams.

Collin Cobran

Collin's favourite memory at ASES was meeting all of his new friends and learning

new things from them and the staff at ASES. His future goal for the next few years is to focus on learning and making new friends at HHSS and succeeding in years to come.

Jamie Crowe

Jamie's favourite memory at ASES is when he went to Yearly. His favourite quote is "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." Jamie's future goal is to get good marks in high school.

Austin Davidson-Burgess

Austin's favourite memory would be, being able to see his brother in the halls of ASES. The person who inspires him is his cousin Cameron because he has helped him a lot and he looks up to him. Austin's favourite quote is from his old school DSBN Academy: "Don't give up no matter how hard it is, push through." His future goal is to live in Curacao.

Dustin Douglas

Dustin's favourite memory of ASES is meeting and making new friends. Mrs. Reddering inspired and encouraged Dustin to do his best in all things. His future goals are to work hard and to finish school.

Evan Gilbert

Evan's favourite memory at ASES was winning the junior mixed volleyball tournament. His favourite quote is "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." In the future, Evan is looking forward to playing high school hockey.

Makenzie Gray

Makenzie's favourite memory of ASES was when she met her best friend Macy. Her sister Alyssa inspires her by the way she rides her horse and how well she does in school. Her future goal is to be a Royal Canadian Mounted Patrol Officer and be a great rider.

Nathan Guild

Nathan's favourite memory is being the absolute best at changing Mrs. Bird's mood during French class. Friends and family inspire Nathan by doing their work to the best of their ability and still have fun at the same time. His future goal is to move to Los Angeles with some of his friends.

Riley Gullins

Riley's favourite memory of ASES was the Grade 7 end of the year trip. She spent the entire day with fellow acquaintances, and treasured companions. Her favourite quote is

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Mim Buwalda, valedictorian, created this artwork to represent Archie Stouffer Elementary School and celebrate her fellow students. /Submitted

"The two most important days of your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why" ~ Mark Twain. Riley's future goals include college or university, subsequent to secondary school graduation. After years of education, she also wishes to pursue a career as a pathologist.

Darren Hall

Darren has so many favourite memories of ASES he can't think of just one. His family inspires him. His favourite quote is "If you gaze long into the abyss, the abyss also gazes into you." Darren is unsure of his future goals, but will know once he gets there.

Zephaniah Hall

Zephaniah's favourite memory was practicing his skills with the volleyball team. His favourite quote is "If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make a change." His future goal is to work at a good job, have a family and help people who need him.

Alex Hendry

Alex's favourite memory of ASES was when he first arrived at the school in September of 2017, and met his new friends, some who he also played hockey with. His future goals are to graduate high school and to continue playing hockey. He looks forward to travelling to Ottawa and catching up with old friends.

Quinn Hie

Quinn's favourite memory at ASES was being able to go on the Out Loud trip with her friends. She is inspired by her former teacher Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan. Her favourite quote is "Oh yes, the past can hurt. But from the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it." - The Lion King

Sam Hullah

Sam's favourite memory at ASES was the first day at school when he ran into the Principal and was welcomed by everyone. He honestly looked up to some of his classmates. He saw how everyone knew who they

were and that's what he wanted to achieve. One of his future goals is to travel to different places and see the world. A quote he likes is "I wish you knew when you were in the good old days before you leave them."

Sienna Inglis

Sienna's favourite memory of ASES is meeting new people. A quote that Sienna likes is "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." Her future goal is to travel a lot and to make a lot of money.

Cheyenne Lagace

Cheyenne's favourite memory at ASES is in Grade 7 when she exploded pumpkins for Halloween. Her favourite quote is "You have to love it and just let go of the fear." When Cheyenne grows up her dream is to travel the world, go to an ivy league school and become an astronomer for NASA.

Kaelem Little

Kaelem's favourite memory of ASES was when Jayde and Jocelyn climbed the school fence and Jocelyn ripped her pants and Jayde got clawed in the eye by a dog. Kaelem's parents have inspired him to be kind to everyone and to try his best all the time. His future goal is to become a financial manager and hang out with his friends.

Sophia MacPhee

Sophia's favourite memory at ASES was the fun, exciting and competitive potato peel offs. Sophia's mom inspires her every day to thrive for greatness and supports her through all her life decisions. Her future goal is to get into a good college/university and to travel around the world especially to Ireland with her mom.

Brianna Maybury

Brianna's favourite memory was playing on the Intermediate soccer team. Her favourite quote is "There's no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs." Brianna's future goal is to be more organized and she would like to be a therapist for children when she's older.

out." She has not made any concrete occupational choices at this point, but she knows she will have a job that pays enough to buy her a 1957 Chevy Bel Air Convertible in Matador Red & India Ivory.

Sofie Mills

Sofie's mom inspires her to be the best she can be and helps her accept herself for who she is. Her goal is to become rich and travel to Florida, Hawaii and Bora Bora once a year to get tanned. Sofie's favourite quote is "Just keep swimming." - Dory.

Charlotte Moynes

Charlotte's favourite memory of ASES was all the amazing fun times she had with her friends and making memories she will never forget. Charlotte's role model is her big sister, Ella. Charlotte hopes to keep making Ella proud and to one day be as incredible as her sister. Charlotte's favourite quote is "I won't let you drown" inspired by Mrs. Kernoan.

Austen Paterson

Austen's favourite memory was the opportunity to go to Fleming College for a course through ASES. It was educational and pointed him in the right direction for his future. He has had fantastic years at ASES and will miss everyone.

Peyton Porter

Peyton's favourite memory at ASES was getting to end the school year early.

She is inspired by Hisoka Morow. "Did you know bungee gum possesses the properties of both rubber and gum?" - Hisoka Morow

Sofia Scott

Sofia's favourite memories about ASES were hanging out with her friends, and having fun learning in the classroom. She loved to learn from her classmates, and socialize with them. Her future goal is to become a lawyer, and travel the world.

Emily Sherbakov

Emily's favourite memory of ASES was when she was first welcomed to the pod in Grade 6. Her father has always been her biggest role model and inspiration to her, she would do absolutely anything for him. He has always supported and cared for her no matter what and inspires her to try her best at all times and never give up. She doesn't know exactly what she wants to do after high school but she knows she wants to study something she truly loves in university

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Carson Simms

Carson's favourite memory was playing in the Grade 8 vs OPP hockey game. He admires Mrs. Bird for being honest with her students. She is open and truthful when they do wrong and guides them to solve their problems. In the future, Carson wants to do well in high school and to pursue a good job.

Fallon Stewart

Fallon's favourite memory of ASES was hanging out with friends, listening to music, drawing in her sketchbook and finding a snake during gym class. Her dad inspires her to be the best she can be!

Baylie Stover

Baylie's favourite memory at ASES was going to TLAC with one of her best friends and getting to make new friends. Her older sister Brooke is the person she admires the most. She hopes to do just as well in high school as Brooke. Baylie's future goal is to become a nurse and help others in her community. Baylie's quote that best describes her is

"You can't always choose the music life plays for you, but you can choose how you dance to it."

Macy Thompson

Macy's favourite memory of ASES was all the fun times she had with her class. Macy's favourite quote is "What feels like the end is often the beginning." Everyone around her inspires her, to do her best and to do new things. Her future goals are to spend her life around horses and maybe going to big competitions.

Declan Tribble

One of Declan's favourite memories was winning the Grade 6 volleyball tournament. Declan has a lot of professional athletes that inspire him but some of his favourites are Stephen Curry (NBA player) and Paul Rabil (Lacrosse player). He is inspired by them because of the same sport they have a passion for. Declan's favourite quote is "Stay higher than your dreams." from Declan's supercross coach.

Melanie Walter

Melanie's favourite memory at ASES was in Grade 6 when she was a part of the junior mixed volleyball team, and she and her team won the tournament. Her parents inspire

Melanie every day. They are her role models and have taught her to be kind and respectful to others. Her future goal is to become a surgeon and be successful in life.

Jazzalynne West

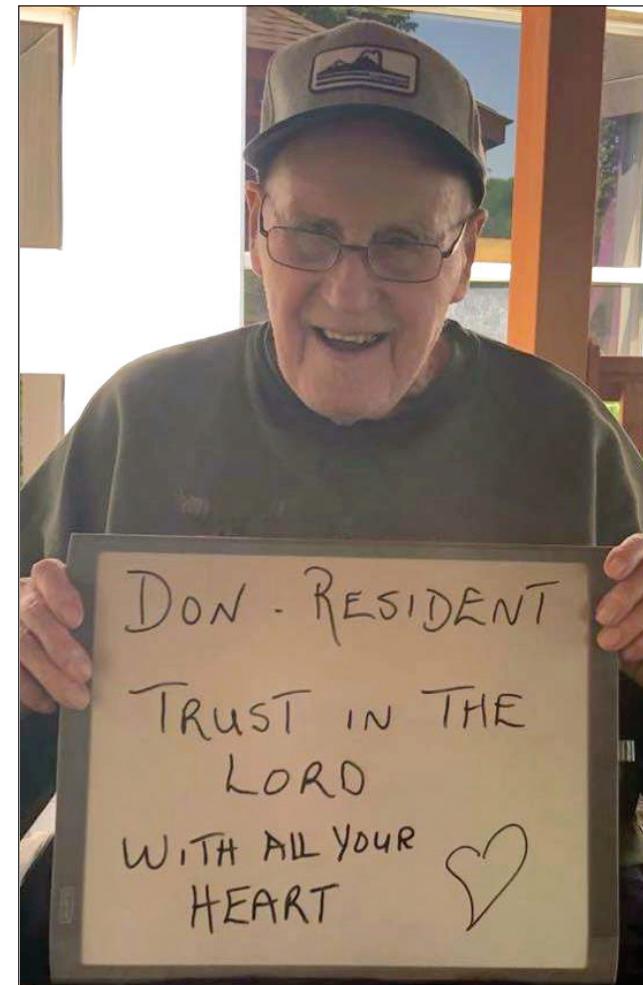
Jazz's favourite memory from ASES was meeting the friends and teachers she has now. Her role model is her aunt because she's strong and wise. Her favourite quote is "If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far so you can't hear them anymore" -by Michele Ruiz. Jazz's future goal is to succeed all throughout high school and hopefully become a model/actress.

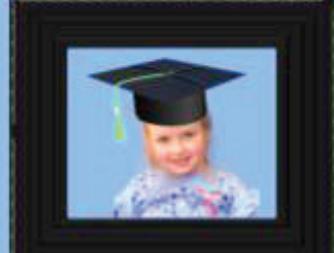
Seth Winstanley

Seth couldn't pick one favourite memory because he had many good memories at ASES. His friends inspire him but his dad inspires him so much more because of how he does things and handles himself. He's the most amazing person he knows and is a very important part of his life. His future goal is to have his own business opened and fully functional by the time he is 24. His favourite quote is "Live as if you were to die tomorrow" because strange things happen and nothing is certain.

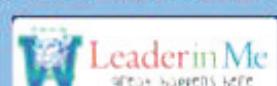
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Scholars
Received marks between 75%-79%

Riley Allore
Damian Briand
Jamie Crowe
Evan Gilbert
Makenzie Gray
Zephaniah Hall
Sophia MacPhee
Brianna Maybury
Emily Sherbakov
Carson Simms

Honours
Received marks higher than 80%

Austin Boylan
Mildred Buwalda
Sam Hullah
Sienna Inglis
Cheyenne Lagace
Kaelem Little
Ireland Meyer
Aleyah McGovern
Sofie Mills

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Gr. 8 Graduate Awards and Recipients

Charlotte Moynes
Sofia Scott
Macy Thompson
Melanie Walter

For subject awards the students had consistent high marks and a passion for the subject.

Horseshoe Lake Science & Technology Award
Cheyenne Lagace
Melanie Walter

Toronto Dominion Canada Trust English Award
Ireland Meyer
Sofia Scott

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Math Award
Aleyah McGovern
Sienna Inglis

Tim Harrison Memorial Award for Music
Kaelem Little
Sam Hullah

French Award
Sofia Scott
Charlotte Moynes

Elementary Teacher's Federation Award - The Arts
Mildred Buwalda

A.S.E.S Geography Award
Macy Thompson
Sofie Mills

Arcadia Masonic Lodge Award
Owen Mercer

Alan Walker Memorial Award for Citizenship
Macy Thompson

Academic Excellence Award
Melanie Walter

Character Education Award
Jamie Crowe

Sarah Bloomfield Award
Mildred Buwalda

Athletic Sportsmanship Awards
Macy Thompson
Evan Gilbert

Athletic Achievement Award
Sofie Mills
Austin Boylan

Principal All Round Student Award
Austin Boylan

Congratulations to all 2020 graduates!



The Archie Stouffer Elementary School outdoor graduation ceremony held on Tuesday, June 16 at the Minden school was possible because of the work of its faculty and administrative staff, who organized and ran the event including, from left, teacher Michelle Kernohan, vice principal Mike Gervais, teacher Natalia Salvatori, principal Jane Austin, teacher Shannon Blanchard, teacher Teressa Bird and teacher Kirsten Otis. The graduation video is available to view on YouTube and included footage from the outdoor ceremony shot by Brad Brown of Upside Brown Productions. /DARREN LUM Staff



Graduate Ireland Meyer earned this year's English award. Her award, which was presented by teacher Kirsten Otis, was earned for her consistent high marks, and her enthusiasm and passion for the subject. /DARREN LUM Staff

Graduate Melanie Walter earned this year's Academic Excellence Award. The academic award is earned by a student who has achieved academic honours as well as demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and commitment to learning.



Graduate Jamie Crowe earned this year's Character Education Award. The character award is earned by a student who has exemplified the TLDSB character traits and the "7 habits of The Leader in Me" during his or her school years.

The school's graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 16 was held outside the Minden school, observing safety protocols to avoid the spread of the coronavirus. The ceremony is available to view on YouTube. /Photos submitted by Michelle Kernohan

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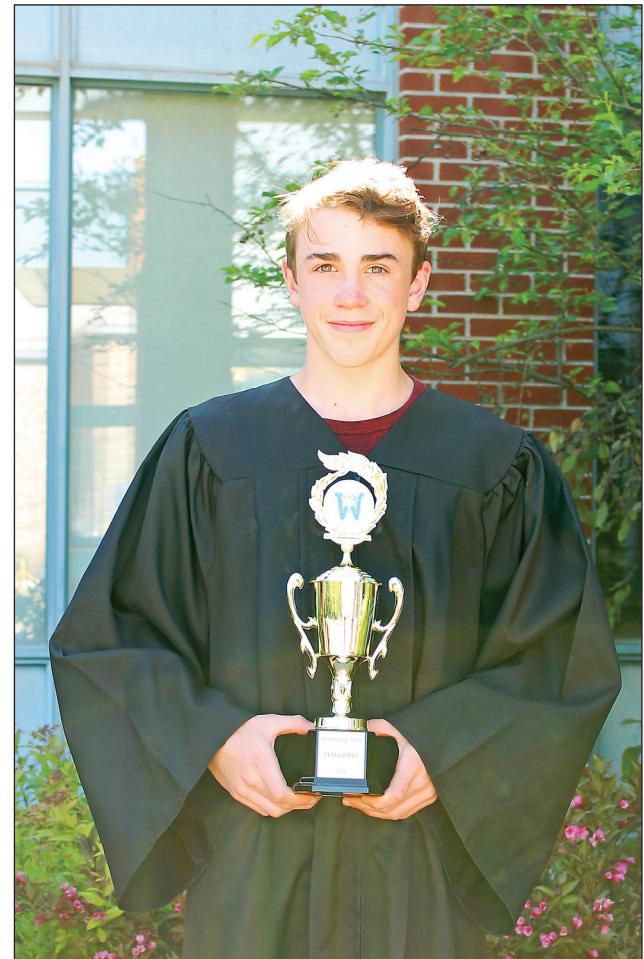
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Graduate Macy Thompson earned this year's Alan Walker Memorial Award for Citizenship and the Athletic Sportsmanship Achievement Award. The citizenship award is earned by a student who demonstrates citizenship and who has been of great assistance to the staff and students of the ASES community and the athletic sportsmanship award is earned by demonstrating a positive attitude, respect for self and others and good sportsmanship in gym class and school team sports.



Graduate Austin Boylan earned this year's Principal All Round Student Award. The principal's award is earned by a student who demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, citizenship and extracurricular activities. Austin also earned the Athletic Achievement Award, which is earned by demonstrating a high standard of achievement, skill and sportsmanship in gym class and school team sports.



Graduate Evan Gilbert earned the Athletic Sportsmanship Award. The sportsmanship award is earned by demonstrating a positive attitude, respect for self and others and good sportsmanship in gym class and while on school sports teams.



Graduate Owen Mercer earned this year's Arcadia Masonic Lodge Award. The award is presented to a student who has worked very hard to succeed.



This year's valedictorian is Mildred Buwilda, who also won this year's Sarah Bloomfield Award for being fun loving, having a zest for life and always being a spark in the room at the school's graduation ceremony.



Graduate Sofie Mills earned this year's Athletic Achievement Award. The athletic achievement award is earned by demonstrating a high standard of achievement, skill and sportsmanship in gym class and school team sports.

Health unit board backs basic income

Board of health endorses letter asking gov't to instate monthly program

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's board of health has unanimously supported a letter from the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit that calls for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to roll into a guaranteed basic monthly income for all Canadians, "during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond."

The May 20 letter is addressed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Minister of Finance Bill Morneau.

Signed by Anita Dubeau, chair, board of health, SMDHU, the letter was also circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Simcoe and Muskoka MPs and MPPs as well as municipal councils, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association and Ontario boards of health.

The letter commends the federal government for "economic measures that have been put into place to support Canadians during this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic," which has included measures such as the CERB, the Canada Emergency Student Benefit and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. A basic income would address gaps the SMDHU says for Canadians unable to access the programs who are "vulnerable to household food insecurity and the negative consequences of income insecurity and poverty such as inadequate or unstable housing, and poorer mental and physical health, including chronic diseases."

It notes that even prior to the employment hardships caused by the pandemic, in 2017-2018 approximately 4.4 million Canadians reported being food insecure, including 1.2 million children under the age of 18. The SMDHU said basic income pilots in Canada have resulted in "promising findings," and references the Ontario Basic Income Pilot implemented in 2018 in three cities and terminated in 2019 by the incoming government.

"Moving forward during and following the COVID-19 pandemic is an opportune time for the federal government to take action to evolve the CERB into a basic income," reads the letter. "This would provide income security to all Canadians during the economic challenges of the pandemic itself, the post-pandemic recovery, and into the future. This is particularly pertinent given the dramatic shifts in the labour market in recent decades, such that full-time permanent employment is no longer the norm. The current CERB has helped demonstrate the logistical feasibility of delivering a basic income, and it could be readily evolved into an ongoing basic income for anyone who falls below a certain income floor."

The letter also makes note of "key Canadian initiatives that demonstrate the positive impact of basic income-like programs on health and well-being [which] include the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement through Canada's public pension system, the Canada Child Benefit, and the Newfoundland Poverty Reduction Strategy."

At a June 18 meeting held via conference call, the HKPRDHU board of health endorsed the letter, two days after the federal government announced an eight-week extension of the CERB, which provides \$2,000 monthly to those who qualify and was established soon after the initial measures put in place throughout Canada to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, HKPRDHU medical officer of health, in supporting the endorsement said now "is a very opportune time for us to rally around this because COVID-19 is pointing to the disparities that people face in their lives. We find that when we're doing case and contact follow-up. Some don't have anyone to assist them when in self-isolation at home, to get them groceries, to get their medication, that

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The cost of providing the program over time will indicate that it's a worthwhile investment in people's lives.

— DR. LYNN NOSEWORTHY
HKPR MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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kind of thing. So it really shows, like the 1918 influenza pandemic did, it affected people who were more marginalized then, [COVID-19] is affecting people who are more marginalized now."

One person in the meeting questioned the cost of such a program.

"When you look at the supports that are currently in place for people who have income issues, [the government] pays for a variety of supports," she said after the meeting in questions from the media. "If you look at the cost of doing all those things versus providing basic income to individuals and families, the benefit is greater [providing basic income] in the long term. They have better health, they end up getting jobs and they have more security in their lives and they also have fewer mental illnesses for example because they're not worrying about the next paycheque, etc. The cost of providing the program over time will indicate that it's a worthwhile investment in people's lives."

Noseworthy, who has been in the role of medical officer of health for the past 16 years, said she had gone into public health to address these kinds of issues after seeing, as a general practitioner, people struggling with health issues related to their life circumstance, including unemployment and poverty.

Doug Elmslie, board of health chair, said he thought there seemed to be more acceptance of the idea of a basic income guarantee right now, with more receptive people in the federal government than in the past and that it would be a step in the right direction to influence them to look further into it.

"My view on it is that I think it's a worthwhile thing to support," he said. "I think we've been faced with poverty and trying to do something with poverty for some 4,000 years, and what we've done clearly isn't working, and we just continue to throw money at the problem and throw our support behind Ontario Works and social housing and this kind of thing, and keeping people basically with a stipend, making it difficult for them to get out of the poverty loop. I'd like to see it at least tried so we can see whether it will make a difference in people's lives and whether they will be able to break these poverty cycles." Later, he added: "Trying something different can't hurt us. What we're doing isn't working, so let's try something else."

The HKPR region includes Lindsay, which was one of three communities involved in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Project. It was intended to run for three years but was cancelled in its first year, in March 2019. Noseworthy said the project had seen participants return to school, set up businesses and buy basic necessities to eat better.



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Burke's birdhouses benefit food bank

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

While some turned to Netflix, and others turned to baking sourdough bread, Tom Burke turned to building birdhouses.

Burke, who lives in Minden with wife Joann, is newly retired this year from Timber Mart in Haliburton. Taking a break to sit down for a moment when the phone call from the *Minden Times* came in after a tip from his daughter, Christina Allore, Burke first said, "OK, what'd I do wrong?" and then shared the story of his newfound hobby. Initially, he thought he'd just design, craft and paint a few of the colourful wooden birdhouses to beautify his yard.

"It gave me something to do at home, and we had put up a wooden fence up around the yard for our dog last year," he said. "I just thought I'd build some birdhouses to put up on the fence, to make it prettier. Then after I built four or five, with all the COVID-19 thing happening, I thought, why don't I just build these and paint them and sell them to people and all the proceeds will go to the food bank."

Soon, he had built 15, painted brightly with colours reminiscent of Jellybean Row in St. John's, Newfoundland, and some bat houses, too, with other orders to be filled, customizing colours for those who want something particular.

Sudoku brought to you by



Tom Burke stands alongside birdhouses he designed, built and painted at his Minden home. Initially, he planned on just building a few for his own backyard, but decided instead to sell them in exchange for monetary donations to the Minden Food Bank. "When I was building these, I just thought, why not try to make a bit of a difference?" he said. /Submitted photo

Burke has been interested in carpentry for about 30 years, possibly longer.

"I'm not bad at it," he said. "I don't know everything yet."

He had initially been interested in car bodywork, and worked as a general labourer, but soon followed in the footsteps of his dad, becoming a carpenters' helper to learn on the job.

"My dad, he built our house," said Burke. "I don't know, I just always had a bit of a draw to it. When I started in it, I didn't really know anything, but I watched other people and what they did, even though I wasn't letting them know I was watching. You know, I'd kind of do my thing but watched them ... I just kind of picked it up."

By studying his colleagues' work, Burke picked up on everything from footings to finish work, even masonry. He had carpentry clientele in Parry Sound, where he and Joann lived and raised their family.

"Sometimes you just wing it," he said. "But I've gone to bed some nights, and dreamt about how I'm going to do this. If you had something a little complicated. I'd wake up in the morning and have an idea. I'd just go out and try it."

Burke said he's getting "a little long in the tooth," for the physical demand of the job, but not too long ago, he followed in his dad's footsteps again, building a house in Eagle Lake where he and Joann lived for nine years to be closer – and avoid the winter drive – to see their grandkids.

"We moved there because Christina lived in Eagle Lake and she was having babies," said Burke. "We wanted to live close to the grandkids. We've been very fortunate to be around them all their lives."

He was there for Christina, and she was there for him, the day he most needed her.

"When I was pouring footings for my house, I had a heart attack and she was there," said Burke. "She's a nurse. I actually died three times that day, they had to fly me down to Sunnybrook, put one or two stents in, I can't remember. They sent me home one or two days later, and I've been kind of grooving ever since."

What are the chances she happened to be there that day, at that time? "I don't know," said Burke. "Like, whose daughter would want to go and pour concrete? Give her a shout out for being there, because I wouldn't be there if she wasn't here."

Burke is proud that, when the time was right, he put the house he'd built on the mar-

ket and, "the first person to look at it, bought it." It sold in 13 days.

Now, he and Joann live in a 60-year-old house, "three-and-a-half clicks from Highway 35" in Minden.

"I love it here," he said. "Coming from Parry Sound area, it's not crazy-busy like it is over there. I just love the countryside."

Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared, Burke has been at home more often.

"There's always something to do, but you've got to have your priorities," he said. "For me right now, I can do something for charity, I've got the skills to do it, I like the painting of them, just seeing how pretty they are when they're done. I don't get out much. When I do go into a store, I'm wearing a mask all the time. But I haven't really gone anywhere in a few months, so it gives me something to do, gives me a purpose, and it makes me feel good."

He laughs that he does have other things to work on, too.

"I have a 60-year-old house; there's lots of stuff to do," he said. "I kind of put that off because this is more important to me. My wife gets it. I was down and out years ago too, and I know that people need the food bank ... Things are tough. I've been on welfare, when our kids were really little. I just kind of look back and it's my way of saying thanks."

Burke also gave thanks to his former employer at Haliburton Timber Mart, Greg Scheffee, who "was more than generous" in donating some of the materials to the project, which helps keep Burke busy.

"I'm on a pension," he said. "It pays enough to exist but you don't get many extras unless you dip into your savings."

Burke is selling the bird houses by donation, noting he doesn't have a set price.

"If I say \$25, some people will think maybe they're \$15, I've had people give me \$30," he said. "So, whatever you feel is right, then I'll just take it and put it toward the food bank. If it's \$15, it's \$15 toward the food bank ... When I was building these, I just thought, why not try to make a bit of a difference. So this is what I'm doing, I started doing this for my own property and if they all sell I won't have any for my property. And I'll just keep on building."

To contact Tom Burke about his birdhouses, call 705-286-4168 to arrange a curbside visit.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers on page 14



Farmers' market opens in Minden

Eight-year-old Hartlee La Prairie of Coboconk directs her mother Krista while at the farmers' market on Saturday, June 20 at the Minden Fairgrounds. The La Prairie family picked up tomatoes and strawberries and are regular shoppers at the farmers' market. This was the second week this summer for the Minden location, which offered a variety of wares from local produce, freshly made bread, microgreens, jams, dog treats, maple syrup, plants, and meat. The health unit recommends shoppers to wear a mask to reduce the spread of the coronavirus./DARREN LUM Staff



Left, Minden residents Kathy Roberts and Ron Gibbs, who holds a box containing blueberry pie, discuss what is available to purchase with Cathy Phoenix, who is the co-owner of J&C Phoenix at the farmers' market on Saturday, June 20 at the Minden Fairgrounds.

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24th Annual General Meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:00 p.m.

(Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation and Auxiliaries, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors)

Due to the limitations on public gatherings mandated by the government of Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

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About picnics and ice cream

by **GEORGE PRATT**
Special to the Times

True events transcribed from my hand-written journal with minimal editing from my Bat Lake School/Snowdon Township book-in-progress

On June 27th, 1948, the Pratt and Martin kids, along with Paul Lynden, all from South Lake, and little freckled Lorna Hogg from Canning Lake, eight kids in all, finished up the year at Bat Lake School. Our teacher, pretty Anna Agnew had, in the preceding few weeks, arranged that our final day should be a picnic; parents and younger siblings and friends of the school had all been invited. It would never do to hold it right at the school—we ached to be finished with school. Accordingly, it was decided the big field at Jordan's Corner would be the ideal place for the outing. Jordan's Corner? It's a name forgotten now, but that was what everybody called the junction where the road into the South Lake Trailer Park leaves the Minden/Gelert road.

Such feverish anticipation—a picnic! To we eight rustic innocents, the very word portended joy beyond reckoning. There would be fun and there would be games—but above all, we knew there would be ice cream. None among us could contain our excitement; the very imagining of it became an exquisite pain that consumed us all, whose greatest event ever had been the Christmas concert.

The day came, as fair a day as any June had ever delivered. Snowdon township awoke to a string symphony of birdsong, warbled against the cello thrumming of a million dragonflies. We did not attend school that day. We walked straight for Jordan's Corner, taking turns pulling our clattering, iron-wheeled wagon, laden with two blocks of ice winkled out from under the damp sawdust in our icehouse. The day remitted all that had been anticipated: The adults came—Irene and Ern Barry in their puttering Model A, then Cecil and Donna Lynden in their smoking Chev truck; Uncle Vic and Aunt Lil Martin, bringing along Mrs. Billy Hamilton in another Model A; our parents, Dad having cranked up the old Durant for the occasion. We had a special guest—for along with Mrs. Agnew came her brother Lloyd, all the way from Gooderham, who had come to fetch his sister home at the end of the day. (She had boarded with Irene and Ern Barry all that school year.) Oh yes, I must mention that 'Old' Bob Shaw, whose property it was, padded over from his farmhouse to look in on the event, his twinkling blue eyes calming the apprehension his fearsomely bushy eyebrows incited in children.

When everyone was assembled, our adults gave us the greatest gift that can be given to kids anywhere—they played our games with us. There were three-legged races and horseback fights, poor skinny Lloyd and big Paul Lynden being transformed into "horses." But the best thing was that someone had brought a real softball, a thing never possessed by Bat Lake School, and we played a downright intoxicating game of ball, grown-ups and kids alike, everybody in. It wasn't the

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The heavenly flavour of homemade ice cream

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kind where you have "sides" but the kind where you just advance to the next position when the batter is outhed. Who would have known that gentle, white-haired Mrs. Barry could bat a ball right to the trees, or that our comfortably plump little mother could actually run? Oh, the joy of it.

But back to the ice-cream: Mrs. Hamilton (Jessie, the other adults called her) brought along the same ice-cream maker that had been used at Hamilton farm picnics for uncounted years; a large stave-sided wooden bucket with a clever cranking assembly that turned a metal container suspended in its centre, with wooden paddles inside the container to slowly agitate the ice-cream. There was a break in the gaming whence everybody congregated to watch the proceedings. Into the container went a full jug of fresh cream, separated that very morning by Mrs. Barry; Aunt Lil and Mrs. Hamilton collaborated on beating up a custardy mixture of egg, vanilla and sugar; Donna Lynden's and our mother's fingers flew as they sliced up fresh strawberries, swollen and juicy and picked with feverish anticipation right after sunup that morning from the Pratt's field by we kids. Into the container it all went and the whole assembly was duly sealed and fitted back into the bucket. Uncle Vic and Cecil Lynden had meanwhile been to work on the blocks of ice with their jack-knives, chipping them into chunks, which were then pounded with a stick tightly into the space between the container and the inside walls of the bucket. All was ready. Two kids at a time were directed to stand down from the ball game while they took



turns on the crank. Slowly, the metal container began to revolve, making a delicious grinding sound as it moved against the ice. The process satisfactorily under way, Uncle Vic then did a thing that puzzled us all—retrieving from his Model-A a heel of a saltlick which he had plucked from Hamiltons' cow pasture, he began to chip it down with his jack-knife onto the ice. What on earth was that about, we all demanded—but failed to understand when it was explained that somehow the salt made the ice even colder. How can ice be colder than it already is? It was just another of the earth's many mysteries to

us, and I suppose to a lot of adults as well. Whatever, we took our turns on the crank while Vic and Cecil kept feeding in more ice and salt. When an hour had passed, the cranking began to get very stiff and difficult. We didn't have to be told—we knew that ice cream was happening inside that metal container. The word spread to the ball game and the ball game faltered like a guttering lamp as a dozen kids and eight adults ran to surround the bucket, now almost impossible to turn. And then came the great moment. We stood in thrall as Vic and Cecil fiddled interminably at disassembling the cranking mechanism

and clumsily jerked the metal cylinder from its icy prison. Dang, they couldn't get the lid off at first; it was so frosty frozen you'd think it was January and not June. But after Cecil fetched it a smart couple of raps with a stone, it fell away and omyGodomyLord, there was that frozen, smoking mass of pink goodness from which emanated a bouquet that could only have come from the angels themselves. No one who has not seen it or smelled it could ever imagine the savor of it, for it was redolent of everything in the world, indeed, the universe, that was sweet and fresh and good. Mrs. Hamilton plucked out the wooden paddles and thrust them, gobbed with frosty ice cream, into the hands of the two youngest girls, sister Shirley and little Ruthie Martin. The rest of us died on the spot with envy. But our turns all came; in a few minutes every person present had a plate or saucer with a heap of strawberry-studded heaven and a cedar paddle-spoon to eat it with, quietly whittled during the process by Ern Barry. "Eat" was not the word—we dived at it and literally inhaled it and we all had a nasty moment of brain-freeze but my oh my oh my oh my oh my . . .

There was a lot of good food on hand for the picnic that day—for us, special, unusual food—cold sliced turkey brought by Mrs. Barry; potato salad (new potatoes!) laced with Mrs. Hamilton's home-made mayonnaise, little red chips of fresh radish giving it a holiday look; sandwiches of tangy fresh egg salad on home baked bread, brought by Donna Lynden; our mother's layered strawberry cake; salad fresh from Aunt Lil's garden—and more—much, much more. I

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Housing program helps homeless during pandemic

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the social services provider for Haliburton County, has designed a program to assist landlords in housing the homeless during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rapid Re-Housing Program provides financial assistance to landlords who make

units available for this purpose. "During the pandemic, the most vulnerable are at an even higher risk and the city is looking to landlords to help house homeless community members," reads a release from the City of Kawartha Lakes. "There is a high demand for bachelor or one-bedroom units."

As of mid-April, there were nearly 100 registered homeless individuals in the area of the city and county combined. "The majority are single, and there are nearly 20 families and several seniors, youth and couples," the release reads.

Through the program, the municipalities will provide the landlord funding to prepare units for tenants to move into; conduct COVID-19 screening prior to move-in and daily COVID-19 screening thereafter; choice of tenant; three months' prepaid rent; and a last month's rent guarantee.

Any landlords interested in the program can fill out a form at <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/housing.aspx> or contact affordable housing program co-ordinator Elise Karklins at ekarklins@kawarthalakes.ca or by calling 705-324-9870, ext. 3105.

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What we remember from that day

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member these things because I write things down—but ask any other of the alarmingly thinning company of senior citizens who were there on that golden June day "What were the eats?" and they will tell you simply "Ice cream."

Oh, yes—will any among us remember that pretty, dark-eyed Mrs. Agnew quietly passed everybody's report card to their respective parents before she left for home? We all passed.

Notes for the historical/genealogical researchers among us:

Lorna Hogg: the one daughter of Lorne & Verlie, sister of Les Hogg. Verlie was a Loucks.

Vic & Lil Martin: She was Lillian Sweet, a 'Home Child' who in the 1930s was a ward of Jessie and Bill Hamilton. Vic came to Snowdon Township in 1934 following his sister, who was my mother. They originally came from the Baxter/Angus area in Simcoe Township.

Ern & Irene Barry: He was one of Bill Barry's three sons, an old Snowdon family. Folks will remember Ern's brother Fred and his wife Pearl. Irene was an Archer from Maple Lake.

'Old' Bob Shaw: He was a son of John Shaw, an early Snowdon settler, called 'Old Bob' by everyone to distinguish him from his brother Joe's son i.e., 'Young' Bob.

Donna & Cecil Lynden: They came to Snowdon from Toronto in about 1945 whence they established 'Lynden Lea' a cottage resort on South Lake. They were originally from the Kitchener area. Paul was their one school-age son. His sister, Maxine was already married to George Stevens.

Mrs. Agnew: She was Anna Mae Tate, of the large Tate clan, early settlers between Gooderham and Peterboro. She married, but was separated from, James Agnew about whom I know nothing. I have not seen her since that memorable picnic day, knowing only that she reached the end of her earthly journey in Toronto a few years ago.

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CdnHeritage>

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html>

There are many ways to participate:

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- **Canada Day Celebration Kit** - explore the variety of interactive, creative and educational activities for the whole family. Have fun exploring each activity pack and share your experience using the hashtag #CanadaDay.
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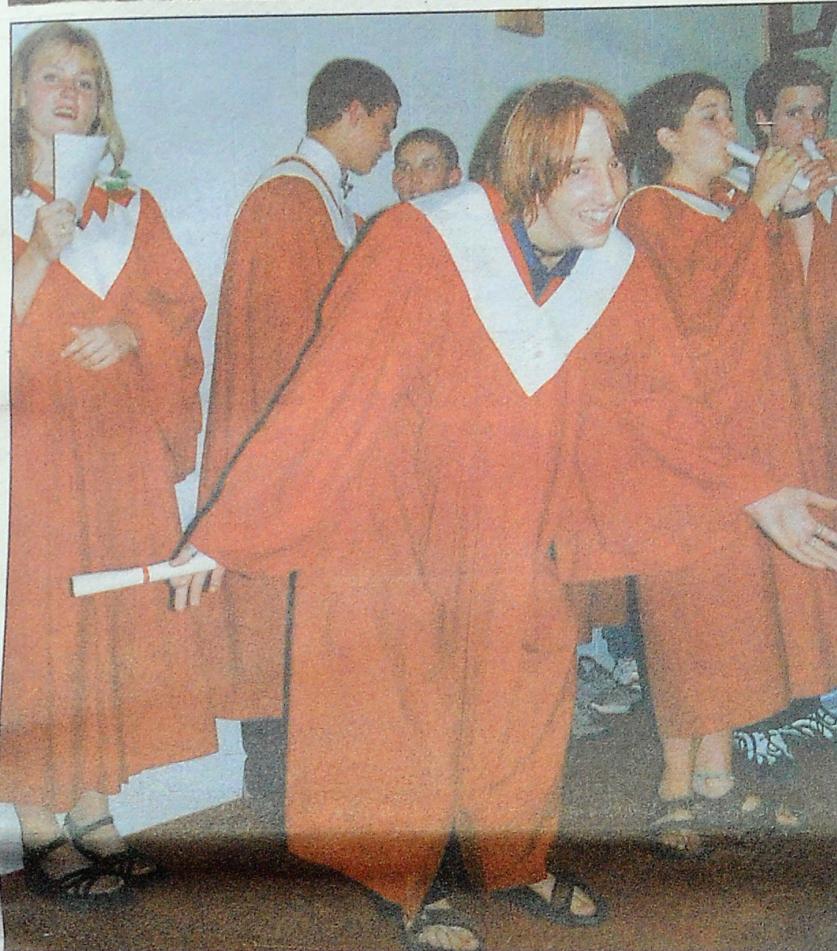
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A PROUD MOMENT: Chris Ratz was one of many Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Students to be recognized Tuesday evening as the school held its annual graduation ceremony. See inside for more photos from the high school graduation and the ceremonies at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk.

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The need for blood never goes away and for that reason the Canadian Blood Services has scheduled a blood donor clinic for next Monday in Haliburton.

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BIRTHDAY GIRL: With a cake fit for a centenarian, Edith Russell marked her one hundredth birthday with a party, June 24, at Hyland Crest. Among the many to join in the celebration were daughters Doris Jennings, left and Delores MacGregor and grandson Tom Gardner

CCAC services will be rationed

by Jack Brezina, Editor

Residents hoping to receive services through the Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) will likely find their requests on waiting lists in the immediate future.

That is the assessment of the organization's CEO John Hassan. The director was speaking after his board of directors approved a plan to comply with the provincial government's directive for CCACs across Ontario not to run a deficit.

According to Hassan drastic cuts are needed to meet the provincial government's requirements. "We have an operating budget of \$26 million and the province is providing \$22.7 million. Even with the same number of clients we need the \$3.3 million to continue to meet their needs." He said if the government is serious about not providing any more funding for the services his agency is providing, they will have to ration what resources they have.

CCACs were established a number of years ago by the provincial government to provide services to the frail and elderly in their home. The agency, which receives all its funding from the

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, acts as a broker, calling for bids for the provision of various services such as nursing care, occupational and speech therapy, physiotherapy among others. It is intended that these services would be provided to individuals in their homes, thus keeping them out of more costly institutions. By inviting bids it is hoped the agency will be able to get the service at the lowest possible price. A combination of profit and not for profit agencies have been participants.

While the government is holding the CCACs to the amount they received last year, the agencies providing the services have had to increase what they pay their staff. As the costs rose, the ability of the CCAC to deliver the same number of services dwindled.

"Our rates are similar to what other CCACs are paying," Hassan said. Last year the Ministry of Health provided extra funding to help cover the cost over-run. This year the government is adamant there will be no top-up. "There is no indication the government is willing to change its mind, so potential clients of the services we offer will just have to wait or go out and

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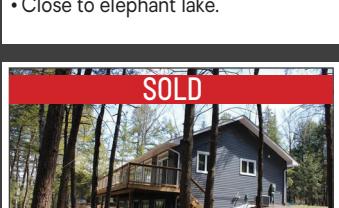


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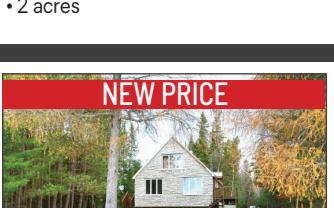
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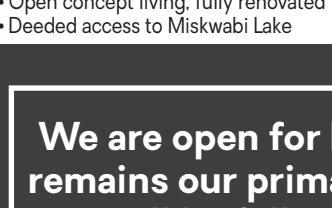
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